

Health Services Impact Committee

Minutes of meeting of March 5, 2008

Present: Mr. Delafield and Mr. Hoeflinger. Also attending were non-committee members Mr. Peter Igwilo and Ms. Sharyn Jenkins, Takoma Park residents.

In the absence of a quorum, the minutes of the meetings of Feb. 20, 2008 and Jan. 9, 2008 were read and discussed.

Mr. Delafield reported that Mr. Loveless had had surgery earlier in the day and that he had visited Mr. Loveless in Intensive Care at Washington Adventist Hospital, and that Pat's spirits were up. Mr. Hoeflinger stated that Mr. Loveless had said he would be happy to receive visits from Committee members while he was hospitalized.

The Committee members present discussed the RFP procedure, including presenting the Committee's choice of the Rivera Group's bid to the Council on March 3, 2008. Mr. Hoeflinger shared excerpts from Ms. George's "Worksession" write-up for the Council meeting. Also committee members briefed the visitors on the last two years' efforts, including public meetings, drafting of the electronic survey and the RFP evaluation tool, and the consultant selection process. Changes in composition of the committee was also discussed.

Ms. Jenkins suggested the electronic survey be given to local health care providers as well as citizens.

The Committee and visitors also discussed the wholistic health initiative pursued by Dr. Wu with city officials, and the availability of hospital uncompensated care under the Maryland reimbursement system.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Hoeflinger

